

IN THE CLAIMS:

All pending claims are set forth below. Cancelled and withdrawn claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strike through~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (previously amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously added), (reinstated - formerly claim #), (previously reinstated), (re-presented - formerly dependent claim #), or (previously re-presented).

Please AMEND the claims in accordance with the following:

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1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An integrated document management system comprising:
- a storage unit which stores therein a document database comprising consisting of a plurality of documents having together based on a hierarchical structure comprising an upper layer and a lower layer, where the structure is defined with hypertext described in an extensible markup language (XML); and
- a management information database comprising management consisting of information comprising an XML file indicating a relation between a document in an the upper layer and a document in a the lower layer, and a plurality of management information including a document type definition file describing information on a version number of each document, and a document style sheet file defining a style of each document;
- a server connected to said storage unit and provided with a the manager of the documents; and
- a client connected via a network to said server and retrieves, based on the management information, by accessing said server, the a document in the upper layer and the a document in the lower layer each having a specified version number, from the document database according to the management information.
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2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The integrated document management system according to Claim 1, wherein the management information includes information indicating a collection of a plurality of documents in a on the same layer and information indicating each

version number of the plurality of documents, and said client retrieves, based on the management information, by accessing from said server the collection of the plurality of documents in a plurality of documents on the same layer, the documents retrieved each having in a specified version number, from the document database according to the management information by accessing said server.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The integrated document management system according to Claim 1, wherein said server registers, when a document registered in the document database is updated, the updated document in the document database, and also updates the version number information in the management information related to concerning the document.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The integrated document management system according to Claim 3, wherein said client sends via the network to said server retrieval information for a retrieved document that has been retrieved via the network to said server, and said server sends via the network to said client when a document corresponding to the retrieval information is updated, updating information related to concerning the document updated document via the network to said client.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The integrated document management system according to Claim 1, wherein the management information includes information related to concerning a security level corresponding to each of the plurality of documents and said server permits or inhibits retrieval of the document according in correspondence to the security level.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A document retrieval device used in an integrated document management system having
a storage unit which stores therein a document database consisting of comprising a plurality of documents based on having together a hierarchical structure comprising an upper layer and a lower layer, where the structure is defined with hypertext described in an extensible markup language (XML); and
a management information database consisting of comprising management information comprising an XML file indicating a relation between a document in an the upper layer and a

document in ~~a the~~ lower layer, ~~and a plurality of management information including a document type definition file describing~~ information on a version number of each document, ~~and a document style sheet file defining a style of each document;~~ and

a server connected to said storage unit and provided with ~~the a~~ manager of the documents, wherein

said document retrieval device retrieves, based on the management information, a the document in the upper layer and ~~a the~~ document in the lower layer in a specified version number from the document database ~~according to the management information by accessing said server via the network.~~

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The document retrieving device according to Claim 6; wherein the management information includes information indicating a collection of a plurality of documents ~~on the in a~~ same layer and ~~information indicating a version number of each of the~~ plurality of documents, and a plurality of documents on the same layer in a specified version number are retrieved from the document database based on the management information, by accessing from said server the collection of the plurality of documents according to the management information.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The document retrieval device according to Claim 6, wherein the management information includes information ~~concerning related to~~ a security level corresponding to each of the plurality of documents, and the documents are retrieved from the document database according to a permission of retrieval corresponding to the security level.

9. (ORIGINAL) A computer-readable recording medium with a document retrieval program recorded therein, the document retrieval program used in an integrated document management system having,

a storage unit which stores therein a document database consisting of a plurality of documents based on a hierarchical structure and a management information database consisting of information indicating a relation between a document in an upper layer and a document in a lower layer and a plurality of management information including information on a version number of each document; and

a server connected to the storage unit and provided with the manager of the documents, wherein

the document retrieval program used for making a computer access said server via a network to retrieve a document in the upper layer and a document in the lower layer in a specified version number from the document database according to the management information.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable recording medium with a document retrieval program recorded therein according to Claim 9; wherein the management information includes information indicating a collection of a plurality of documents ~~on the in a~~ same layer and ~~information indicating~~ a version number of each of the plurality of documents, and in the step described above, a plurality of documents on the same layer in a specified version number are retrieved from the document database according to the management information by accessing said server.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable recording medium with a document retrieval program recorded therein according to Claim 9, wherein the management information includes information concerning related to a security level corresponding to each of the plurality of documents, and in the step described above, the documents are retrieved from the document database according to a permission of retrieval corresponding to the security level.